

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

X This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A paint brush holder, formed of one continuous part from spring material, for allowing a user to position and to hold a paint brush on the rim of a paint container, the paint brush holder comprising:

a paint brush receiving section (~~1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7~~) for receiving and holding a paint brush;

a container engaging section (~~9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20~~) including a first part (~~10, 11, 12~~) for biasing against the inside wall of the paint container and a second part (~~14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19~~) for biasing against the outside of the paint container;

the first part (~~10, 11, 12~~) together with a transverse limb (~~13~~) of the paint brush holder, defining a rectangular shaped section which is narrower and longer than the profile of the second part (~~14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19~~) whereby, in use, when the paint brush holder is attached to a paint container, the paint brush holder grips the container with the first part extending downwardly along the inside wall of the container and the paint brush holder allowing placement of the paint brush in a position where bristles of the paint brush are within the rim of the paint container.

2. (Currently Amended) A paint brush holder as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the paint brush receiving section (~~1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7~~) has two parallel arms (~~2, 6~~) with one arm (~~6~~) being lower than other arm (~~2~~), and the paint brush receiving section acts on the inertia of the paint brush such that when the paint brush is placed in the paint brush holder, the bristles of the paint brush are kept over the container so that any dripping from a paint brush received in the holder is directed into the container.

3. (Currently Amended) A paint brush holder as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~ wherein the container engaging section includes two container rim engaging parts (~~9, 20~~) for resting on the rim of the paint container.

4. (Currently Amended) A paint brush holder as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims claim 1 wherein the second part of the container engaging section has a lever section (~~15, 16, 17~~) formed to allow the paint brush holder to be gripped by the user's thumb and finger whereby when the first part (~~10, 11, 12~~) is placed on the inside of the container and the lever section is held by a user's thumb and finger and is pulled away from the container, the paint brush holder can be pushed downwards onto the container so as to locate the first part (~~10, 11, 12~~) along the inside wall of the container and the second part (~~14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19~~) along the outside wall of the container such that when the lever portion is released, the paint brush holder grips said container.

5. (Currently Amended) A paint brush holder as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein the paint brush when in the holder is surrounded at four points (~~1, 3, 5, 7~~) which inhibit the lateral movement of the paint brush thereby allowing the user to carry the container by its handle, as is necessary in the normal process of painting with paint container and paint brush.